



The Historic Maryland Newspapers Project



--- MARYLAND AWARDEE OF THE NATIONAL DIGITAL NEWSPAPER PROGRAM (NDNP) ---

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the National Digital Newspaper Program?

The National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) is a partnership between the **National Endowment for the Humanities** (NEH) and the **Library of Congress** (LC) to develop an online, searchable database of digitized U.S. newspapers.

The NEH funds one institution, or one partnership between institutions, from each state and territory to select and contribute digitized newspaper content **published between 1836 and 1922**. Within the two-year grant period, awardees deliver 100,000 digitized pages. Newspapers are **digitized from microfilm**—specifically from a second-generation duplicate of the camera master.

The digitized pages are accessible for free at **Chronicling America** (<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>).

How are titles selected for digitization?

Projects that are awarded an NDNP grant are responsible for establishing an **advisory board** to recommend titles for digitization. Our advisory board is made up of historians, archivists, librarians, and educators from across Maryland. At the beginning of a two-year NDNP award, advisory board members **recommend titles and prioritize them for digitization**. To be considered for digitization, a title must meet these **basic requirements**:

1. The newspaper must have been published in the state of Maryland;
2. The newspaper must reflect the political, economic, and cultural history of Maryland, with preference given to papers of record; and
3. The newspaper must have been published between 1836 and 1922.

Project staff also evaluate the **technical quality and completeness** of the title on microfilm. Sometimes print copies are used to supplement the run on microfilm.

Who can nominate a title for digitization?

Anyone! To nominate a title for digitization, email lib-newspapers@umd.edu with as much of the following information as possible:

- ☞ **Title**
- ☞ **LCCN**
- ☞ **Years of publication**
- ☞ **City of publication**
- ☞ **Institution that holds master microfilm**

If the title meets the NDNP criteria for digitization, it will be forwarded to the advisory board for consideration.

1ST GRANT AWARDED SEPTEMBER 1, 2012

107,414 pages digitized and available
Pages span 1840-1913, 3 cities, 8 titles

2ND GRANT AWARDED SEPTEMBER 1, 2014

100,000+ additional pages digitized by August 31, 2016
Pages span 1841-1922, 9 cities, 9 titles

CONTENT PARTNERS

Maryland State Archives
Maryland Historical Society
Library of Congress
Frostburg State University (Phase 3 if awarded)

TITLES DIGITIZED IN PHASES 1 & 2

Title	Publication Location	Years Digitized
The Aegis & Intelligencer	Bel Air	1864-1922
American Republican and Baltimore Daily Clipper	Baltimore	1844-1846
Baltimore Commercial Journal, and Lyford's Price-Current	Baltimore	1847-1849
Baltimore Daily Commercial	Baltimore	1865-1866
Catoctin Clarion	Mechanicsville	1871-1922
Cecil Whig	Elkton	1841-1922
Civilian & Telegraph	Cumberland	1859-1865
The Daily Banner	Cambridge	1902-1922
The Daily Exchange	Baltimore	1858-1861
Democratic Advocate	Westminster	1865-1922
Der Deutsche Correspondent	Baltimore	1858-1918
Maryland Free Press	Hagerstown	1862-1868
The Pilot / The Pilot and Transcript	Baltimore	1840-1841
Port Tobacco Times, and Charles County Advertiser	Port Tobacco	1845-1898
Prince George's Enquirer and Southern Maryland Advertiser	Upper Marlboro	1882-1922
Saint Mary's Gazette / Saint Mary's Beacon	Leonardtown	1845-1922

WHAT'S NEXT?

The **application for a third NDNP grant** was submitted to the NEH in January 2016. A decision is expected in late July/early August 2016. If awarded, the project will digitize an additional 100,000 pages of newsprint by August 31, 2018, bringing the project total to over 300,000 pages.

In Summer 2016 the **Gateway to Digitized Maryland Newspapers** (<http://www.lib.umd.edu/newspapergateway>) will launch. This online database will enable users to search for digitized newspapers by title, publication location (city or county), and year of publication, and provide a link to the resource that hosts the digitized newspaper. It will include newspapers both freely available and those behind pay walls.

In partnership with the Maryland State Archives, Digital Maryland, and the Western Maryland Historical Library

(WHILBR), UMD Libraries is developing a **Maryland newspapers digital repository**. It will house all of the titles digitized through the NDNP grant plus additional titles that were not eligible for digitization through the NDNP.

This will allow UMD Libraries to share the expertise gained through participation in the NDNP with colleagues around the state—the result being newspapers digitized at a higher quality and with robust metadata that will allow users to browse based on title, date, or location and to perform keyword searches. It will also fill a need that many institutions, particularly public libraries, historical societies, and small colleges and universities, have—a need for technical infrastructure, expertise, and/or the resources to host, digitally preserve, and provide online access to newspapers after digitization.

A statewide newspaper digital repository will also benefit our users because it will provide a single entry point to search digitized Maryland newspapers from multiple institutions, and it will be free to use.

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